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Following up on our telephone conversation, transmitted herewith for the above-identified application is an interview agenda for our telephonic interview scheduled for April 26, 2006, at 3 p.m. EST.

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INTERVIEW AGENDA

Patentability of Claims 1, 37, 44 over "Photoshop" and Goodwin under § 103(a)

- Claim 1 recites in part:
 - the second image region displayed in accordance with at least one display parameter that differs from a corresponding display parameter for the first image region;
 - wherein the split-pane view information comprises at least one movable split position; and
 - wherein a change in the movable split position results in a change of the first portion of the high dynamic range image information from which the first image region is constructed, and a change of the second portion of the high dynamic range image information from which the second image region is constructed.
- Claim 37 recites in part:
 - wherein a first image region of the plural image regions is displayed in accordance with at least one display parameter that differs from a corresponding display parameter for a second image region of the plural image regions;
 - wherein the split-pane view information comprises at least one movable split position; and
 - wherein a change in the movable split position results in a size change of at least the first and second image regions.
- Claim 44 recites in part:
 - the second image region displayed in accordance with at least one display parameter that differs from a corresponding display parameter for the first image region;
 - wherein the split-pane view information comprises at least one movable split position; and
 - wherein a change in the movable split position results in a change of the first portion of the high dynamic range image information from which the first image region is constructed, and a change of the second portion of the high dynamic range image information from which the second image region is constructed.
- *See, e.g.,* Application at p. 16, lines 6-19 and Figure 6. The example in Figure 6 shows four image regions. A change in the movable split position in that example would result in a change of the HDR image information from which the four regions are constructed, such as by shrinking one region while enlarging the other three regions.
- Photoshop and Goodwin (*see* Goodwin at Figure 8; col. 5, lines 40-47) do not teach or suggest a split-pane view with a movable split position, where a change in the movable split position results in a change of portions of the HDR image information from which the image regions are constructed. Goodwin's Figure 8 shows a "rectangular 'override' mask region" which is much different than the claimed split-pane view features.

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